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Boys' 50c Jersey overshirts; sal price 25c. Daniels & Waldrop. Mrs. Keith Spalding of Chicago. has just given \$18,000 and 40 es of land to be used in estang a tuberculosis sanatorium

QLD SUMMER

BRIMFUL OF ROMANCE.

yright, 1909, by American Press Asse My dear, I have to announce my engagement. I am happy to say that i

is not one of those practical affairs so common among people of our degree, but a real, genuine romance. You may remember, one winter four years ago at St. Petersburg, how the American minister took pains to intro duce us everywhere and how we wer received even at the Winter palace This much you know; but, though you are my bosom friend, it is all you are my bosom friend, it is all you know, and there is a great deal more to come. At the Winter palace, of course, I saw many of the young bloods of the empire and danced with them too. They were all very polite, and I found myself, an American without a title, receiving as much attention as any of the countesses or baronesses. We became very intimate at the

American minister's, and one evening while I was at the embassy a young man passed me in the hall who had called upon the minister and whom I recognized as one of the men wh had favored me in the cotilion at the Winter palace. He did not appear to recognize me-indeed, he seemed very distrait and was hurrying into the min-ister's private office. The same even-ing the minister told us that a young nobleman had called on him with a very singular request. He was impli-cated in a political affair that would send him to Siberia if it was discov-ered and was sure to be known within a few days. He asked the minister to give him a passport to America. This was impossible, the minister said, though I didn't understand why. Later I was told that the young man had been sent to Siberia for life. Think how mean it was of the minister not to have given him the passport! It would have saved him from a fate

The scene changes. I am in Ame ica. I have forgotten much of my winter's experiences in Russia, for three years have passed since then. But I have not forgotten the young man who was sent to Siberia because our minister wouldn't give him a pass. I am in our touring car, taking a morning sixty mile spin, and am think ing of the poor prisoner at the time. Turning a sharp bend in the road, the chauffeur reduced the speed, going very slowly, when suddenly I saw a man standing in front of the car point-ing a revolver at us. He ordered the chauffeur to stop, which he was obliged to do or be killed, and, coming to the side of the car, he said to me: "You are rich. I want \$5,000. Give

it to me or you are a dead woman." What did I do? I fainted. When I revived the robber was sitting beside the chauffeur, holding his revolve where he could use it at a moment's notice. As soon as he saw that I had opened my eyes he said to me:

"Your man told me that you badn't much with you. He has promised to take us all to your home, which he says is a few miles up the road, and you are to get me the money. If he doesn't I'll kill both of you." "It's the only way to save our lives,

said the chauffeur. The chauffeur was a man of great strength, but what could he do with an armed man? I noticed that he was increasing the speed, and we were soon going at the machine's full capacly, but enough to sway the robber. All of a sudden the chauffeur partly turn-ed, caught the robber's hand with which he was holding himself in his seat, disengaged it, then threw his whole weight against the robber who went head downward on to the road. I thought the machine was going over, but the chauffeur held the steering gear with his right hand and kep

I looked back and saw a horrid mass in the road. It was immovable, and I knew the creature was either dead or badly hurt, for we must have been going at a frightful rate.

I had been saved first by the pres-ence of mind and afterward by the ingenuity and daring of the chauffeur. Leaving the robber to his fate, we pressed on, turned at the first road ackward and in an hour drew up under the porte-cochere at home, I had so far recovered from the shock vithout assistance.

When father came and learned all about our escape he called the chauf-feur into the library. I was there, and father said to me:

"How shall we reward him, pet?"
What was father's astonishment
when I said, "With your permission,
papa, I will reward him myself." Then, seeing the pain father felt with his surprise—for it was evident the case was one of those where a girl loves far beneath her-I continued "He may be a chauffeur, papa, dear but he is a nobleman. I chee danced in the cotillon with him in the Winter palace at St. Petersburg. He became involved in a political conspiracy, was sent to Siberia, escaped and made his way to America. The day your hired him for a chauffeur I recognized him, though he did not remember me. There has been lovemaking, papa, I admit, but it is your daughter who has done it, not your chauffeur. But let me introduce him under his own name and title, Count Alexis Ivan Alex-androvitch, formerly of the Emperor Nicholas' household guard."

Now, don't you think my affair is very romantic and that I have con-cealed the denouement very well. When you send your congratulations tell me if you knew how my story was going to end.
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CLEAN UP DAY.

Last year March 10th was designated as Clean Up Day and the citizens of this State made a special attempt on that day to clean their premises, houses and public buildings as thoroughly as possible This was beneficial in two ways. In the first place, many citizens, who would have deferred this special effort indefinitely, put their shoulder to the wheel. In the second place, insicts, and vermin were attacked from all quarters simultaneously and could not find a hiding place. If the State of Texas had an accurate system of vital statistics, it would be interesting to note just how the death rate, especially among child on, was compared over death rate of preceeding years. Texas, however, has no such complete system of vital statistics. Shall hope, however, soon to have such. It is interesting to note that at a recent meeting of physicians in the c-n:ral part of the State, it was the consensus of opinion that there had been twenty-five per cent less "summer complaint" among the children last summer than usual. We hope soon to have accurate figures to show the results of Clean Up Day,

This year it is planned to have March 10th the Cleen UpDay likewise and all persons interested are requested to discuss the movement and organism active execution in every town in Texas, Wednesday March 10th is Clean Up Day. all back yards and back alleys be swept clean on or before this date. Let all corners, cracks and crevices in, among and between buildings be emptied of any rubbish which may have accumulated. Above all, let each house be scrubbed sunned and sired. Let every City Council issue the fist for all public buildings to be cleaned on March 10th. All stagnant pools should be drained or oiled. In every city the effort at cleaning up should be so seted that extra casts will be needed on the nixt day to carry away the effending rubbish.

Let's all work together and make the State of Texas rival the famous spotless tewn for purity.

1881 CLUB.

Disapproves Act to Reduce Tax

bell vetoed the bill to reduce taxes

Mr. Standifer, a committee of three
was appointed to draft resolutions of
thanks to the citizens of Dallas for
the entertainment accorded the legislature. The speaker named Messrs.
Standifer, Fitzhugh and Hill as the
committee.

A resolution was offered by Mr.
Hill and adopted, empowering the
Kennedy investigating committee to
summon witnesses, administer oath,
take testimony, etc.

A resolution calling for speedy action upon amendments to the antipass law specifically calling for free
passes for Protestant charitable workera, as well as Catholics, for volunteer
firemen attending state conventions
and for the right of contract for newspapers was laid before the house by
Mr. Ray, On the-call for a second
reading, Mr. Jenkins moved to table.

The motion to table prevailed, Speaker Kennedy casting the deciding balC. Esnett of Sermour, grand vice

The band from the home at Corsicand, composed of boys, aroused great
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Grand lodge elected the following of flees: A. T. Good The motion to table prevailed, Speak er Kennedy casting the deciding bal lot on a tie vote of 56 to 56. The house concurred in senate

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By vote of 104 to 9 the pure food bill was passed to engrossment.

In the zenate Monday afternoon Senator Perkins moved the adoption of the favorable majority report on his right of contract bill, while Senator Holsey moved as a substitute that the olsey moved as a substitute that the adverse minority report be adopted. The advance minority report failed-

amendments to the deficiency

20 to 10.

The majority report was adopted, carrying the committee amendment limiting contracts with periodicals published as often as once a month.

Senator Mayfield offered an amendment providing that all advertising and transportation be exchanged at the usual cash rates. He argued that would preclude any charge of free passes, undue influence or anything other than true right of contract.

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Senator Veale offered an amendment to the amendment changing it so that the rates must be "reasonable" in the contract computation. Vaole amendment prevailed—10 to 5.

Senator Brachfield had adopted an amendment providing that transportation under contract cannot be accepted by any public official.

Senator Meachum offered an amendment authorizing Confederate veterans

ment authorizing Confederate veterans and firemen to contract for reduced or free transportation in attending re-unions. It was adopted—25 to 2. Several amendments, to be printed in the journal, to be considered when next the bill comes up, were handed in

Students Visit Austin.

Austin, March 2.—Some 220 students of the San Marcos normal, accompanied by President Thomas G. Harris, Professors J. H. H. Fling and J. S. Brown and Miss Maude Shipe of the faculty, arrived in Austin Monday morning to visit the various state institutions. The party was largely made up of young ladies. The first visit was to the statehouse. At 11 o'clock the visitors marched through the house of representatives and were applauded by the hundred odd members who were seated at their deeks. The house was not in session at the time.

TEXAS ODD FELLOWS. Robekahs Are Also In Session at the

leland City. Galveston, March 2.-The seventieth nnual convention of the grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fel lows of Texas is in annual session here. The total attendance is at leas

GOVERNOR VETOES BILL. The address of Grand Master Lewis showed the order to be in splendid condition.

Disapproves Act to Reduce Tax on Circuses, Etc.

Austin, March 2—Governor Campbell vetoed the bill to reduce taxes to order. The opening ode was sung the bell vetoed the bill to reduce taxes to order. The opening ode was sung the the Crophane's beneg quintette of the company's beneg quintette of the company's benegative to order. upon circuses, menageries and wild Corsicana. The appearance of the five west shows. Revenue Agent McDon- going ladies handsomely dressed in all disapproved of the measure also blue was a signal for a mighty outald disapproved of the measure also.

The governor has also stated to a number of members of the legislature that he will insist that all platform demands made be acted upon before adjournment.

In the house Monday, on motion of Mr. Standifer, a committee of three

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The band from the home at Corsi-

assembly degree as conferred upon 170 candidates.

All reports showed a gratifying condition of affairs.

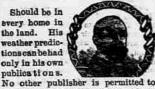
Election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. Gerenva B. Carson of Shetwood, grand president; Mrs. Mary C. Bennett of Seymour, grand vice president; Miss Bessie Dolan, grand warden; Mrs. J. D. Alexander of Cisco, grand werelary; Mrs. Myrtie Wynne, grand secretary; Mrs. Myrtle Wynne grand treasurer; Mrs. Mary E. Kern of Corsicana, advisory board; George Glascock, grand messenger to the

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years. They made money, but when John died Martin found great difficulty in settling up the business. John's oldest son Peter, fearing that his uncle would absorb the dead partner's interest, bothered and delayed his uncle in such fashion that, a financial panic coming on, what was left of the firm's assets was so entangled that it could only be liquidated after a patient management. Martin Stokes, breaking flown in health, turned the whole mat-

\$20,000 from the wreck, half of which, \$20,000 from the wreek, hair of which, of course, belonged to his uncie. But Peter furnished accounts to show that the firm had been insolvent. His uncle looked them over, studied them and handed them back to his nephew with the remark:

have been away so long for nothing. I have no children to enjoy what I have accumulated and have determined to leave it to you and your sisters. I will place it in a safety deposit company's yoult and tell you where I keep the key. After my death you can unlock the box containing the securities, and they will be yours without any will and testament on my part. All I ask from you is a bare pittance so long as I live, which will be at most but a few years."

He took a long, fat envelope from his pocket sealed with his own seal and wrote on it, "I give this property to my nephew, Peter Stokes, and his sisters, Lydis and Grace Stokes." The words bore that day's date and was

is the key on my ring."

tal of \$1,000. This they considered keeping within bounds.

The old man remained for a time

very delicate. Indeed, the doctor's bills amounted to several hundred dollars. His loving nephew and nieces begged him to come and live with them, that to be a burden on any one, assuring them that they would not be the loser by a cent for what money they ex-pended upon him. After the first five years his health became very good and remained so for three years, when he died rather suddenly. Before the he died rather suddenly. Before the old man breathed his last Peter Stokes figured up that the amount expended \$9,850. But there were funeral expenses to be paid amounting to about \$150. However, since his uncle was dead, there would be no need to be extravagant in this respect, and he re-solved to cut the amount down to \$75. The first thing Peter did when his uncle was pronounced dead was to take his key ring from his pocket and, detaching the safety deposit key, start for the trust company. His sisters exacted a promise that he would not onen the envelope till the day offer. not open the envelope till the day after the funeral, the same as in case of wills. Bringing the packet home, he locked it in his desk and waited.

The morning after the funeral the family gathered in the library, locked the door, took out the envelope and tore it open. Within were folded pieces of biank parchment, on one of which was written:

Martin Stokes in account with Peter Stokes: To expenditures for said Martin Stokes, \$10,000; to amount due from set-tlement of the business of John & Martin Stokes, \$10,000. Account balanced and closed.

Peter read this posthumous messag and, exclaiming "Sold!" tore up the mas."—The Circle. stamped on it. His sisters, exclaim-ing "The old ingrate, the old fraud!" wept a few bitter team of chagrin.

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Mayor.

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John and Martin Stokes, brothers, business together for many

ter over to his nephew and left for-parts unknown.

Ten years later he reappeared, a sickly looking old man, but with some appearance of having prospered. Peter Stokes had meanwhile saved some \$20,000 from the water held of which

"I'm sorry, Peter, that you got noth-ing out of it. But, after all, I may not have been away so long for nothing. I

words force that tay's state with signed by the donor.
"This plan," he said, "leaves at my death nothing to be settled. By a will an estate must be liquidated the same as a business. And you know that in winding up a business there is a lot of shrinkage. You have done all the work in setting the affairs of John & Martin Stokes with no pay. Whatbusiness nature connected with these affairs is settled now by this transaction. The envelope goes into a box of the Fidelity Trust company, and here

The nephews and nieces accepted the gift and the conditions with alac-rity. The envelope was fat enough to contain some twenty or thirty bonds, or if the property was in stocks there might be twice as many certificates. Those to whom the gift was made desired their uncle to come and live with them. This he declined to do. He rented a little cottage, where he kept house by himself. He said nothing to his nephew or nieces about the payment of the rent, but it was paid by them. He said nothing about supplies, but they opened accounts for him at provision stores, though they secretly instructed the tradeamen to keep them posted as to the amount the old man was being credited with. At the end of the first year Peter Stokes figured up the amount expend-ed at about \$600. But the owners of after the donor's death, fearing that if they appeared niggardly the donor might take back his gift, expended for him an additional \$400, making a to-

> as a help to the lumber men and for the preservation of the lumber supply.-Scientific American A failing niny nerve-no larger than the finest silken thread, takes from the the finest silken thread, takes from the heart its impulse, its power, its regularity. The stomach also has its hidden or inside nerve. It was Dr. Shoop who first told it was wrong to drug a weak or failing stomach, heart or kidneys. His prescription. Dr Shoop's Restorative, is directed straight for the cause of these ailments, these weak and faitering inside nerves. This no doubt clearly explains why the Restorative has of late grown so rapidly in popularity. has of late grown so rapidly in popular-ity. Druggists say that those who test the Restorative even for a few days soon become fully convinced of its wonder-ful merit. Anyway, don't drug the or-gans. Treating the cause of sickness is the only sensible and successful way. Sold by J F Crow Drug Co. Proved His Innocence. A southern negro was brought stealing his neighbors chickens

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rity that a bundle of feathers was nd in your back yard the day before Christmas.' "Dat 'sinneration, jedge, jest proves my innercence, coz how could de fedders be foun' in mah

back yard before Chris'mas when when my wife didn't pick dem chickens 'til de day after Christ'-Nothing in the way of a cough is a

Stamped on it. His sisters, exclaiming "The old ingrate, the old fraud." wept a few bitter tears of chagrin, but that was the end of the matter, for they could not recover any of the money they had spent on their uncle, whose adroitness had given him his own, which he needed in his old age.

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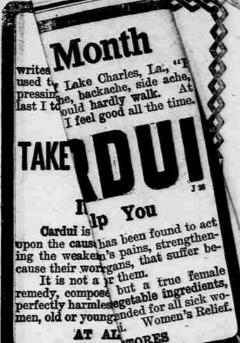
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after it is over .- Savoy Star.

City Election Proclamation.

Wm. Clark.

The most vivid imagination can be first Tuesday in April, the same being the 8th day of April 1909. Said



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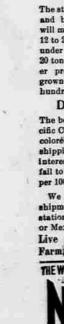
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